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U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0073520 discloses a method for managing customer loss using customer groups in which customers are first grouped using a predetermined category definition and then segmented based on common consumer characteristics. The techniques categorize customers based on a likelihood of being lost and segmenting customers with a higher likelihood of being lost into smaller, more homogeneous groups.

U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2004/0039593 discloses a method of managing customer loss using customer value by determining the most valuable customers that have a high likelihood of being lost. The value of the customer is based on the contribution of the customer to profit generated by the business enterprise.

U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0198782 discloses a system and method for reducing customer turnover by applying an incentive on a month, ongoing basis as a reward for loyalty.

However, it is submitted that the references fail to teach or suggest the features of Applicant's invention set forth in the claims.

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